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SUBJ: ECE - GROUP OF EXPERTS ON URBAN AND REGIONAL RESEARCH,
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1. EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ECE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON URBAN AND REGIONAL RESEARCH (COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING) MEETING IN GENEVA, NOVEMBER 22-26, 1976, ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR WORK OVER NEXT FOUR YEARS, CONCLUDING IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS IN 1980.

(A) MAINTENANCE AND REVITALIZATION OF EXISTING CITIES--

I) IDENTIFICATION OF CITY SUB-AREAS (E.G., NEIGHBORHOODS) USING INDICATORS AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT,

II) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SUPPORT, PRESERVATION AND RENEWAL OF CITY SUB-AREAS COVERING PUBLIC/PRIVATE INVESTMENT, TAX, REGULATORY AND CITIZEN ACTION.

(B) PROCESS OF URBANIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON CITIES IN RELATION TO NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT.

2. DELEGATES AGREED TO SHIFT PRIOR FOCUS FROM PLANNING RESEARCH PRACTICES IN GENERAL TO IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING AND PRACTICAL
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PLANNING TOOLS FOR ADDRESSING THESE SPECIFIC TOPICS.

3. FIRST TOPIC WAS PROPOSED BY U.S. DELEGATION; SECOND BY USSR.
BOTH TOPICS HAVE WIDE SUPPORT AMONG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND
ARE OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO RESEARCH AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
ACTION RELATIVE TO URBAN PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED IN U.S. IN NEXT
FOUR YEARS.

4. BECAUSE OF PROBABLE PRODUCTIVITY OF GROUP'S WORK, U.S. DEL
BELIEVES CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STRENGTHENING U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY GROUP OF EXPERTS AND BY
WORKING PARTY ON URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING WITH WHICH IT IS
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